purchase foreign exchange from the market, like any other Indian company.

गुजरात में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग को केन्द्रीय अनुदान

1542. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग के विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय केन्द्रों को केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा उपलब्ध कराए गए अनुदानों का वर्षवार ब्योरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान अनुदानों की धनराशि में वृद्धि करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) गुजरात में खादी को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० जे० कुरियन) : (क) केन्द्र सरकार देश में के०वी०आई०सी० क्षेत्र के विकास एवं संवर्धन के लिए खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (के०वी०आई०सी०) को ऋणों तथा अनुदानों के रूप में धनराशि उपलब्ध कराती है। के०वी०आई०सी० इसके बदले विभिन्न राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र के०वी०आई०सी० बोर्डों तथा सीधे सहायता पाने वाले संस्थाओं को धनराशि उपलब्ध कराता है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान के०वी०आई०सी० द्वारा गुजरात राज्य को उपलब्ध कराये गये अनुदान निम्न प्रकार है :

वर्ष	अनुदानों की राशि (रु० लाख में)
1988–89	552.23
1989–90	585.70
1990–91	687.14

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) गुजरात सहित देश में खादी को लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिए किए जा रहे उपाय निम्न प्रकार है :—

(i) उत्पाद शुल्क तथा सीमा शुल्क से छूट;

(ii) खादी की बिक्री पर छूट की व्यवस्था;

(iii) खरीददारी में खादी को प्राथमिकता;

(iv) उपभोक्ताओं की आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करते के लिए उन्नत डिजाइनों को आरंभ करना;

(v) के० वी०आई०सी० के माध्यम से विपणन में सहायता करना।

Top Public Sector Executives going abroad

1543. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top public sector executives often go abroad;

(b) what is the total number of such foreign trips undertaken by them and the total cost thereof during the last three years;

(c) what are the ranks/cadres of these executives and the industries/enterprises they belonged to;

(d) what were the countries they visited and the purpose thereof;

(e) whether Government had sanctioned such trips and what were the groups for sanctioning; how many of such executives belonged to Public Sector Undertakings listed by Government as sick; and

(f) whether recently one CMD of a public sector undertaking was sent abroad; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

(DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (f) Foreign tours are undertaken by the executives of the Public Enterprises, whenever necessary, as part of their day to day business and commercial activity. Some of the enterprises have their offices and project abroad. All these necessitiate travel to foreign countries by the executives of Public Enterprises. The foreign visits undertaken by them, therefore, relate to their day to day administration. Considering that such visits are in the nature of operational requirements, the Government has delegated powers to sanction foreign tours of all executives below the Board level to the Chief Executives of Public Enterprises and the approval of the Government is not required in such cases. There are over 2.5 lakh executives in Public Enterprises. There is no centralised monitoring system prevalent to collect such information from Public Enterprises nor are the Public Enterprises required to furnish these details to the Government.

Recession in Automobile Industry

1544. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the automobile industry including manufacturers of accessories and components have been reeling under recession;

(b) whether it is also a fact that car sales have declined to the extent that there is no longer any waiting list or lead time required for delivery;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a recession in the automobile industry particularly car industry;

(d) whether the reduction in central excise and customs duty would improve the sales and put the automobile industry on the right track; and

(e) if so, the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) In the year 1991-92, there has been a general fall in the production and sales of automotive vehicles. Consequential effect on components industry would also be there.

(b) and (c) Decline in the sale of Passenger car was also evident during this period and this could be attributed to a decline in demand resulting from high credit costs, increase in prices and lower rate of depreciation allowed.

(d) and (e) The reduction in Central Excise and Customs duties announced recently by the Government is aimed at improving sales of vehicles. Impact of these measures can be known only after some time.

Sick Units referred to BIFR

1545. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to consider withdrawing of some of the cases of sick units referred to the BIFR provided the Trade Unions come out with "acceptable viable solutions" for their modernisation and revamping;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether any Trade Union has so far come out with such an acceptable viable solution in regard to any sick unit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, making refe-